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**PATENT APPLICATION
Q68149**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Sumito NAKAGAWA, *et al.*

Appln. No.: 10/031,406

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 2074

Examiner: Adrienne C. Johnstone

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: STEEL CORD FOR THE REINFORCEMENT OF RUBBER
ARTICLES, RUBBER-STEEL CORD COMPOSITE BODY,
RADIAL TIRE, MOTORCYCLE RADIAL TIRE AND TIRE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I (claims 1-4) drawn to a steel cord for prosecution on the merits at the present time, while reserving the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected groups in due course.

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